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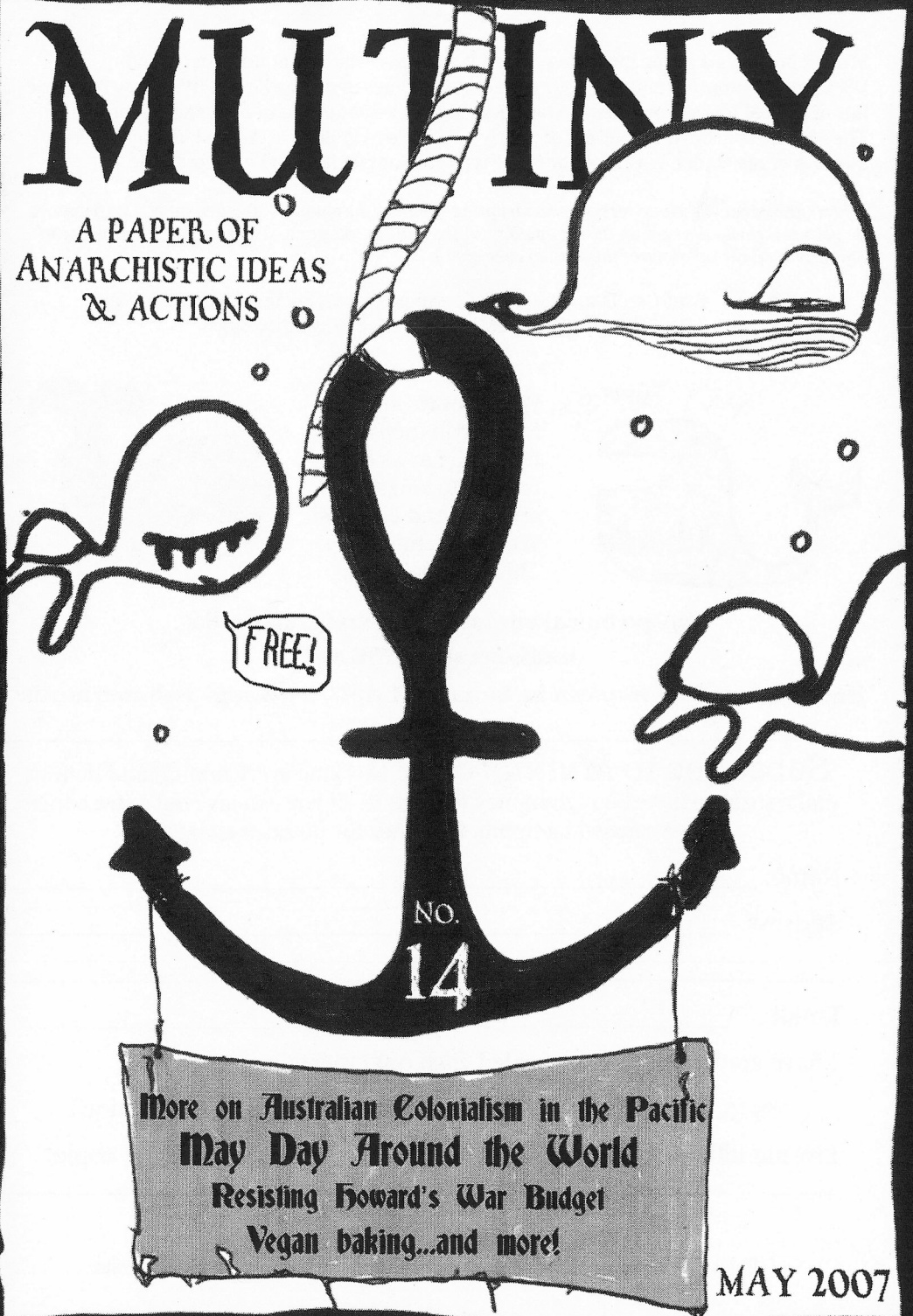

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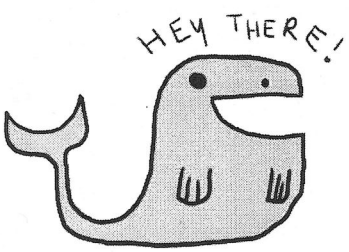

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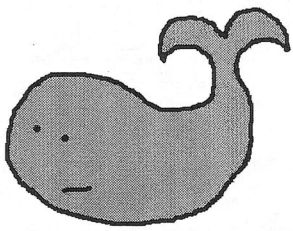

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BRIEF NEWS

Melbourne: G20 accused in court

The Melbourne Magistrates Court was full to bursting on May 11, and many supporters of the G20 arrestees and their family stood on the edges of the court or outside in the hallways. Many more gathered outside to demonstrate their support for the arrestees as Magistrate Sarah Dawes presided over the committal mention.

The morning was spent dealing with minor bail negotiations being settled and in discussing the viability of the evidence brief supplied by police. Magistrate Sarah Dawes, whilst commenting on the "extensive" police resources that are obviously being used toward the case, requested that the prosecution provide a hard copy (previously only provided in digital format) of the evidence brief to all of the arrestees. Defence lawyer Marita Altman drew laughs and a spontaneous round of applause by suggesting that she would only require one brief for her four clients, in order to 'cut down on trees'.

Importantly highlighted was the massive amount of property still confiscated by police in their massive over-reaction to the relatively minor property damage that occurred during protests against the illegitimate Group of 20 (G20) that met in Melbourne last November.

Defendant Sina Brown-Davis was also threatened by a security guard and the clerk of courts that she may be forcibly removed from the courtroom if she refused to remove a Maori flag from her shoulders. Ms Brown-Davis calmly stated her right to display the flag and opted to remain wearing it in the courtroom.

Repressive police tactics were further demonstrated in the afternoon when Salver detectives went to extraordinary length to attempt to fabricate evidence and allow them to arrest and detain Akin Sari without bail. Mr Sari had left court to get a sandwich whilst awaiting the surer of his bail; detectives sought to have him arrested immediately and denied bail. Receiving a very cool reception from the magistrate, they hurriedly changed their story and requested that instead they change the bail conditions back to the excessive condition that Sari report to police three times weekly. Magistrate Sarah Dawes told police that their use of the court in such a way was "offensive" and that they were wasting the court's time. Mr Sari chose to represent himself and successfully made a mockery of the police prosecution. When he attempted to call witnesses so that he could prove the police witness was a liar, the magistrate told him it was 'unnecessary' as she had 'already made up her mind.' The police application was flatly denied and police reprimanded for their reprehensible use of court resources and time.

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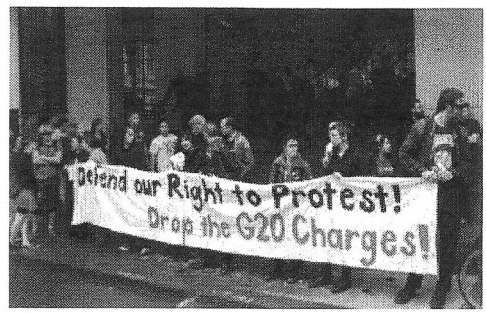


France

Monday 7th May 2007: There were riots across France after right-wing conservative Sarkozy was elected for president. Police fired teargas into crowds. In Paris and its suburbs about 3000 police were deployed.

The mobilisations followed news that Sarkozy had beaten socialist Segolene Royal in the elections. Sarkozy said: "The French people have chosen change. They have decided to break with the ideas and habits of the past. I will rehabilitate work, authority, morality, respect, merit. I will restore honour to the nation and national identity - I will bring French pride back to the French people."

Mr Sarkozy, the son of a Hungarian immigrant, is a hate figure for many young people of black and Arab origin. He has also been vilified as a hard-right authoritarian by many on the left.

The second night of riots in France saw barricades built in Paris, Nantes, Lyon, Tolouse, and about 800 cars burned in the cities. 74 police were severely hurt and 564 protesters were detained.

More protests are being called for.

May Day 2007 Around the World

Indonesia: About 200 Anarchists marched around Jakarta with a banner saying "Kami Tidak Butuh Bos Tapi Bos Butuh Kami" (We Don't Need The Boss But The Boss Needs Us).

Japan: "MayDay for Freedom and Lives" took place in Shinjuku, Tokyo. Subtitled "Resistance of the Precariat", over 400 people including 'freeters' (freelance workers who live on earnings split between several jobs), part timers, day labourers and homeless, who live with neither security nor stability, participated in this May Day event. The event was organized by the "Freeters' General Union" in order to provide an opportunity for the precariat to send a message about their situation to the larger Japanese society.

Iraq: Female supporters of the Iraqi Communist Party took part in the May Day march in Basra, Iraq's second-largest city, 550 kilometres (340 miles) southeast of Baghdad. In Baghdad itself, supporters of the Iraqi Communist Party waved hammer and sickles and the communist and Iraqi flags.

Taiwan: Thousands of Taiwan's Chunghwa Telecom union workers march to demand the resignation of the company's chairman Ho-Chen Tan on a street of Taipei, Taiwan. The union workers claim he should be forced into early retirement as an easy way for the company to cut costs. Signs the workers are carrying read: "Ho-Chen go away."

China: Thousands of workers marched through Macau, demanding a crackdown on alleged corruption and illegal labourers in a rare protest in the booming Chinese territory that recently knocked off the Las Vegas Strip as the world's most lucrative gambling centre. Protesters fight with police officers during the demonstration, police fired shots into the air and used pepper spray to disperse demonstrators who tried to break through police lines blocking the march.

Seoul, South Korea: About 7,000 workers rallied to oppose a free trade agreement with the United States.

Turkey: Turkish police charged into crowds of leftist protesters marking the anniversary of a deadly May Day rally in Istanbul, spraying tear gas and kicking and clubbing demonstrators as they fled. Police also used a water cannon to clear crowds from around Taksim square. Officers outfitted with helmets, gas masks and truncheons detained 580 demonstrators.

Iran: Thousands of workers in Iran demonstrated on May Day in different cities. In Tehran, in which only the government-sponsored Workers' House is legally permitted to hold rallies, thousands of workers with independent slogans participated in the official event and disrupted the events proceedings. Security forces on site tried but failed to prevent 7000 workers from marching towards the streets of Tehran.

Kurdistan: Workers had requested a march on the streets of the capital, Sanandaj, but the governor office refused to give them the permission; as the result, workers decided to rally in front of the Labour Relations office in the city of Sanandaj. The first groups of people, about 400, who had gathered early in front of the Labour Office were surrounded by security and intelligence forces.

After the resolution of this year's May Day was read by the Chair of the National Union of Sacked and Unemployed Workers, police attacked the demonstrators, beating and arresting many. After the attack, families and supporters of the arrested workers were gathered outside the police station where they were attacked by the security forces.

UK: A national strike by civil servants was solidly supported. Picket lines were mounted outside Government buildings, courts and museums across Britain. The Public and Commercial Services Union said early indications were that the walk-out was being well supported by workers involved in a bitter row over jobs, pay and privatisation of services. The traditional May Day march in London featured an 'autonomous workers bloc'.

Berlin, Germany: In the evening after a street festival and a rally of about 6000 people, around 600 rioters threw stones and bottles at the police and garbage bins were set alight. Several people, including police officers, were injured and there were 115 arrests.

Sofia, Bulgaria: Participants from two separate protest marches on the International Labour Day clashed in downtown Sofia on Tuesday. The Bulgarian anarchists federation clashed with skinheads but police intervened to prevent the conflict from escalating beyond insults and verbal sparring.

Prague, Czech Republic: Anarchists were arrested after trying to prevent a far-right march. The police called on anarchists to enable the officially reported and permitted march of the right-wing extremists. Police pushed anarchists away using truncheons. Some of them were detained. Armoured police then accompanied the ultra-right march to the U.S. embassy.

Zürich, Switzerland: After many hours of streetfighting between protesters and police, people began to attack banks, private companies, courts, police stations and cars of the rich with fire bombs and paint bombs. Countless windows were smashed.

Harare: The Zimbabwe Congress of Trade Unions (ZCTU) held a May Day celebration at Gwanzura stadium, where about 5 000 people attended despite a heavy police presence and roadblocks mounted on all roads leading to the stadium. The rally was held in the volatile Highfield area where police in March killed an opposition activist, severely beat opposition leaders, and had arrested them as they'd tried to hold a prayer rally for Zimbabwe. The union was forced to cancel May Day celebrations in four provinces after militant supporters of President Robert Mugabe's ruling ZANU PF party allegedly threatened to murder union officials if the celebrations went ahead.

Los Angeles, USA: Tens of thousands of people marched in support of immigrant rights. The rally ended violently when the police drove people away from MacArthur Park and the surrounding streets with baton charges and rounds of rubber bullets. There were many other rallies in the U.S. in support of immigrants' rights and against deportations.

Germany: wave of repression targets anti-G8 organisers

In the lead up to the G8 in June, German security officials carried out a series of raids on various left-wing organizations across Germany, under the pretext of terrorist allegations.

A total of 900 security officials searched some 40 sites in Berlin, Hamburg, Bremen and other parts of northern Germany. A bookstore, a leftist cultural centre, the offices and apartments of suspected G8 protesters and farms suspected of being organising spaces for the protestors were among those places raided. The criminal investigation police also raided the home of the alternative internet server so36. net. Many left and alternative projects have their websites, mailing lists and mail addresses hosted there. This particular raid was aimed at sabotaging the communication structure of the anti-G8 movement.

This act is quite clearly an attempt by the German state to intimidate protesters and is not unlike the current climate that we are facing here in Australia.

In a statement released by the German police a federal prosecutor stated that "The militant extreme left groups and their members are suspected of having founded a terrorist group, or of being members of such an organisation, with the specific goal of staging fire bombings and other violent attacks in order to disrupt or prevent the upcoming G8 summit in Heiligendamm."

Left-wing groups denied the terror allegations. "The only point of these searches is to criminalize and disrupt the protests against the G8," the Anti-Fascist Leftists of Berlin said in a statement.

Germany will host the summit in June, where leaders from Britain, Canada, France, Italy, Japan, Russia and the United States will come together to discuss issues such as climate change and global economic coordination. German security officials have built a $17 million fence around Heiligendamm to keep protestors out.

Iraqi oil workers to strike over privatization law

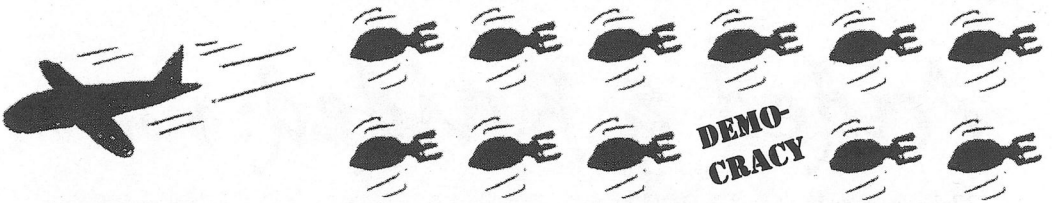
The US backed al Maliki government of Iraq has approved a new oil law that will effectively privatise Iraq's oil riches to multinationals under long term contracts. This will be tabled for parliament to ratify. Oil production in Iraq has been in control of the public sector since the 1970s.

The Bush administration and the oil companies had been pushing for the new law to be passed by December last year. The oil law is regarded, including by the Iraq Study Group, as one of the milestones needed to encourage foreign investment.

The largest oil workers' trade union wants to be involved in the legislative process and for a full public consultation to take place. They are joined by all of Iraq's other trade unions, a number of political parties and a group of over 60 Iraqi oil experts who reject the law and say that it is not in the interest of the Iraqi people.

A strike was organised by the union for Thursday May 10th but was postponed until Monday May 14th due to negotiations the unions say are in good faith. Strikes of this type have typically shut off oil exports from the region for up to two days. The strike also aims to address longstanding demands for workers rights. These includes restoration of a bonus payment, land for homes, decent health and safety provisions, and a coherent system of salary calculation and payment.

Union leaders have been threatened with legal action and have received a number of death threats.



Resisting Howard's War Budget

Last night Treasurer Peter Costello handed down his 12th Federal Budget. He allocated a record $22 billion to Defence spending - the latest in a long line of budgets that have prioritised war over social spending. This $22 billion will be carved up between overseas deployments (including a boost for the recent commitment of extra troops to Afghanistan), new 'hardware' (code for superior killing machines) and efforts to recruit and retain personnel.

The spending on 24 Super Hornet fighter jets alone ($6.6 billion) dwarfs the $5 billion set aside in the budget for universities. There has been $2.1 billion allocated specifically for a recruitment drive - a steady push to move young people into the armed forces. Rather than restoring funding for public, critical education Howard and Co are pouring money into trying to convince people to join the armed forces. The people who will be the taget of this campaign are exactly the people who have been forced out of the university sector because they can't afford to pay Howard's fees.

Defence Minister Brendan Nelson (the former Education Minister) is desperately trying to sell the Armed Forces. Backing the recruitment spending he said 'What we need to do is tap into the idealism of young people, and people not so young, to join the military. The army, navy and airforce offer young people a sense of purpose as they defend the lives of others at home and abroad.' He needs $2.1 billion to motivate this militaristic 'idealism' because he knows that the majority of people are opposed to the Howard Government's involvement in Iraq and Afghanistan and don't want to be involved in the so-called 'War on Terror'.

Howard has been steadily increasing military spending for twelve budgets. We do not have to take these priorities lying down. It is precisely because of the successes of the anti-war movement that Howard has to spend this money on an ideological offensive. We need to keep organising against the war and demand the Howard Government spends on things that are important to us.

by The Sydney Uni Anti-War Action Group

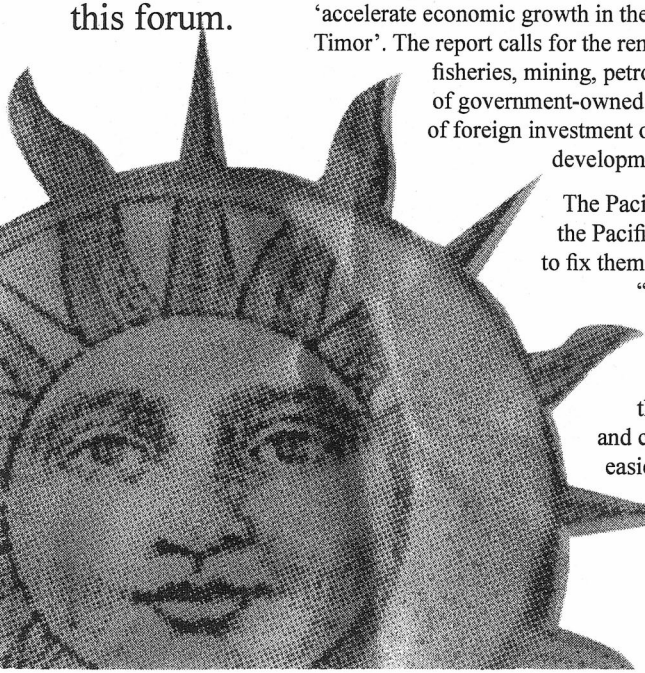
Aided & Raided: More on A

This speech was written by Mutiny for the recent forum *Aided & Raided : Australian Imperialism in the Pacific*. Tim Anderson and Kate Wheelen (from AIDWatch) also spoke at this forum.

In 2003, Australia led a regional assistance into the Solomon Islands, and has since been pushing economic and military interventions in the Pacific region. Australia's humanitarian intervention in the Pacific equates to a new face of colonialism that aims at controlling policy, legislation and resources rather than gaining territorial possession – colonialism that aims at governance rather than government.

The Australian government has used the rhetoric of 'failed states' and 'nation-building' as an attempt to justify pre-emptive military and/or police invasions. These have been established through the publication and implementation of the 'Pacific2020' document. The 'failed state' and 'security' rhetoric that is being employed by the Australian government to describe and justify its 'humanitarian interventions' in the Pacific, is indeed, the very same imperialist rhetoric that the US is using in Iraq and Afghanistan, and more broadly, the current global state known as the 'war on terror'. 'The Pacific2020- Challenges and Opportunities for Growth' makes explicit policies and calls for changes in legislation in which the Australian government brazenly constructs the island states of the Pacific as "problem children", suggesting that, without Australian intervention, these nations will become infamous "failed states" (thus requiring Australian military intervention).

This discourse can be recognised in the Pacific2020 – a 15-year plan released by the Australian Government to 'help' Pacific countries to 'accelerate economic growth in the Pacific, Papua New Guinea and East Timor'. The report calls for the removal of government barriers in the fisheries, mining, petroleum and agricultural sectors, the sale of government-owned service providers and the facilitation of foreign investment on customary-owned land, including the development of cash crops for export.



The Pacific2020 lists various social problems in the Pacific and argues for market reforms in order to fix them. The report insists that government has to "facilitate business, [and] not to crowd it out by being directly involved in commercial activities or by imposing burdensome regulations." It calls for the removal of high taxes and regulations and changes to the legal system to make it easier for business to recover debt and enforce contracts.

Potentially one of the most explosive social and political

issues in the report is the reform of the system of communal land titles. The vast majority of people in the Pacific live a semi-subsistence existence in their traditional villages, acknowledged by the constitutions of these countries, which, as far as investors are concerned, is an intolerable barrier to business activity. In PNG and Vanuatu, for example, 97 percent of the land is held under customary title. Individuals do not own land and cannot sell it, but rather have rights to use land because of their birth into, or adoption by, a kinship group. Land reform legislation will inevitably lead to forcing more people to turn to towns joining the unemployed in the shantytowns and provide private enterprise with an abundant source of cheap labour.

The Australian government is not backing away as it attempts to foist a full-blown capitalist economy on the island nations. Downer announced the allocation of $22.5 million for two programs aimed specifically at encouraging private sector development in the Pacific and East Timor, as well as $10 million for the Asian Development Bank's proposal for a "Private Sector Development Initiative in the Pacific and East Timor". Downer said it will "promote enterprise, investment and growth by addressing the impediments to private sector development" these impediments being access to land for commercial agriculture, tourism, mining, fishing and forestry.

The report also stresses the need for 'law and order'; Downer says that "better governance, infrastructure and regional co-operation is needed for all Pacific Island countries, or they'll follow the Solomon Islands into crime, violence and instability."

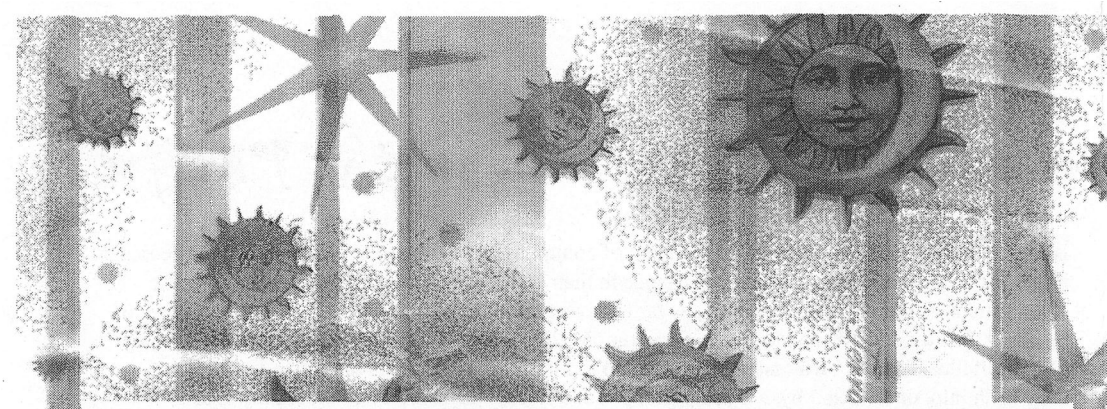
Under the pretext that the Solomon Islands was a "failed state" Australia led a regional intervention to supposedly establish order in the region and thus create favorable neo-liberal economic conditions. Howard installed an Australian official as head of the forum's secretariat, as well as Australian police and officials in top positions in PNG, Fiji and Vanuatu despite protests. Since 2004, Australia has held the positions of Secretary of Finance, Director of Police and other senior positions in Nauru.

This intervention marked a dramatic change in Australian policy, towards the Solomons and the Pacific region. Such an intervention demonstrates Australia's willingness to play a more assertive role in the domestic affairs of island countries, reflecting fundamental changes in global security policies following September 11, 2001. If Pacific island nations don't implement Pacific2020 policies, they risk being labelled 'failed states' and overt military interventions similar to that of the Solomons.

Australian use of military force in the Pacific is one example of how, in the current global state of war, war and military activity are used to violently enforce and impose economic programs that pave the way for the immense transfers of wealth away from areas such as the Pacific. Australia's actions constitute the global state of war, which allows for the expansion of capital. This newest phase of capitalist expansionism requires the destruction of any economic agenda not subordinated to the logic of accumulation.

The situation in so many Pacific countries from Timor to PNG to Fiji to the Solomon's encapsulates the many stages of this type of imperialism such as economic coercion through restricted aid and trade agreements to occupation and military operations. The nuances of each country's situation and how Australia's policy to each does vary suggests the adaptiveness of this sort of imperialist response.

While the most war-like, militaristic approaches are the ones that will garner the most attention, Australia's engagement with the Pacific in its entirety is exploitative. As the post- 9/11 culture of



emptive 'security' allows what is essentially invasion and occupation in the Solomons to be called 'policing' and the application of 'good governance', we should ensure that we aren't fooled by this trick of language. Rather we should resist this as part of any struggle against war and militarism. Further to this we should also be aware that the sort of economic and government policy being forced onto these countries by Australia have their very own brutal consequences for the population in terms of lost land and livelihood.

There is widespread resistance to such consequences throughout the Pacific. Violent opposition to economic restructuring occurred in PNG in 1995 when massive protests were staged against an IMF/ World Bank-proposed Land Mobilisation Program aimed at 'freeing up' land and providing security of tenure or property rights.

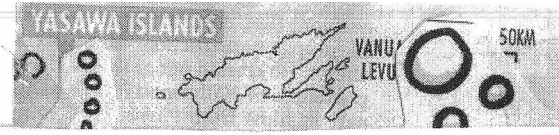
Last November in Tonga there were riots against the refusal of the Tongan monarchy and parliament to address the social impacts of Tonga's restructuring of its' economy. A state of emergency has been in place in Tonga since the November riots – pro-democracy media outlets have been shut down. There has been opposition for years against privatisation, the introduction of a consumption tax and other reforms, including a massive strike by public servants in 2005. One response to what is likely to be only increased resistance throughout the Pacific has been from Kevin Rudd, who has suggested withdrawing Australian troops from Iraq so that they can be deployed in the Pacific.

By examining how this security culture and militarism exist beyond Iraq we also place our own lives within it rather than being somehow separate. And certainly Australian militarism exists internally as well as externally. The Terrorism Investigation Unit and the Public Order and Riot Squad are relatively new creations, a solid outcome of the move towards a more militarised policing justified under the same rhetoric of 'terrorism', 'security' and 'stability'.

Also, the Redfern redevelopment sees such policing firmly intersect with a good old neo-liberal land grab. While different because of its unique proximity to the CBD, there are also some similarities between this forced 'development' of community-owned land with the theft of communal land throughout Pacific nations such as in Vanuatu and New Caledonia. Additionally, the privatisation of public services such as education here are being matched or exceeded in places like Fiji.

People resisting imperialism, militarism and neo-liberalism in the Pacific are geographically our closest comrades and there is potential for ongoing alliances to be built. One solid example: Fijian civil servants voted to strike in March 2007 against the military junta's proposed 5 percent pay cut and elimination of thousands of public sector jobs through the reduction of the retirement age from 60 to 55. It's vital that we in Australia think about these issues and act in solidarity with the struggles of our neighbours – not because of moral concern about what 'our' government is doing to other people, but because they're our struggles too.

Dear Cops,



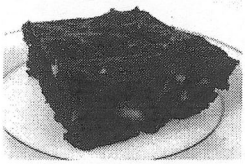
I read somewhere a while ago about a strategy used by the French police. This was back when General Franco was still in power in Spain. An important diplomat from Spain was coming to visit Paris for talks with the French government. There was a strong anti-fascist resistance movement in Spain, with supporters in France, and the French police were very keen to avoid the embarrassing situation of his visit being marred by protests. So, what they did was get all the known anarchists in town and send them on a holiday to a Mediterranean island resort for the week of his visit.

Now, while this was obviously an attack on free speech and so on, it seems a much nicer attack than house raids, riot squads and all the rest of that intimidation. Have you considered implementing such a tactic for the APEC period? I know you'd have trouble identifying the anarchists, what with your very poor understanding of how movements actually work, but maybe you could just make a general invitation? You'd save heaps of money, and it would just be nicer all round.

I for one would accept the offer, and while I can't speak for anyone else, I'm sure you'd find some takers. After all, we live in capitalism every day - I'm sure we can find another time to confront it! And as a Chilean comrade once said, even the revolution needs a holiday.

I'd really like to go to Vanuatu, or New Caledonia, but I'll compromise. Maybe the Fraser Island or the Whitsundays? Any island would be ok. Except maybe Christmas Island. I'm not sure I'd trust that invitation.

Sincerely,
A troublemaker.



These have been passed around at a few Black Rose movie nights and some folks have asked for the recipe. I can't take credit for either one.

- Swete2th

* Vegan Fudgy Brownies *

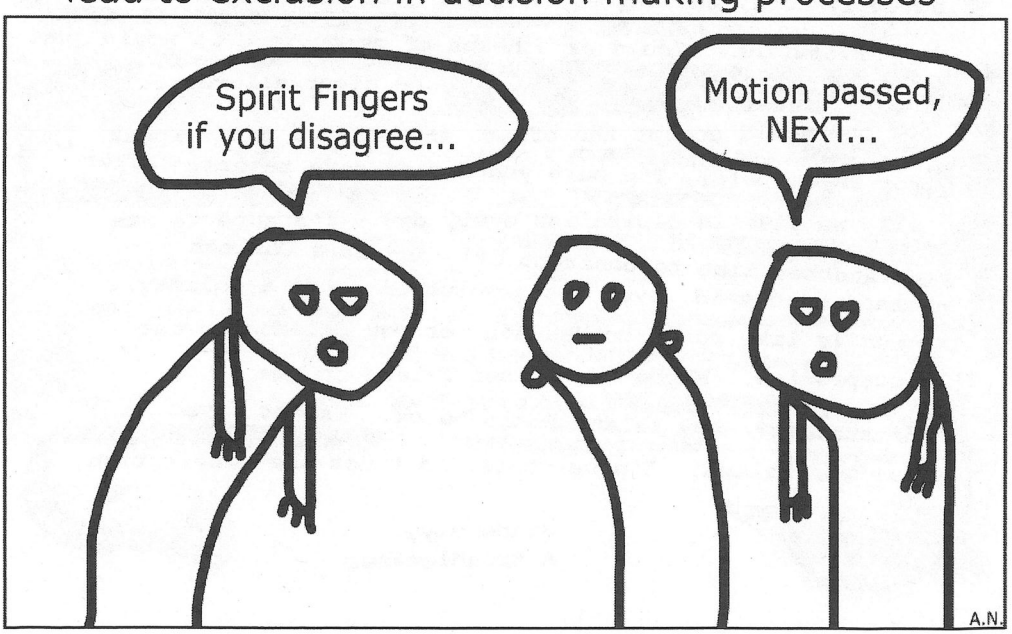
(From *Raggedy Anarchy's Guide to Vegan Baking and the Universe* - find a copy in the Black Rose library)

Preheat oven to 180 Celsius or 350 Fahrenheit. (This will seem weird, making wheat paste for brownies, but I swear it works … it's the egg substitute). In a saucepan, cook over low heat, stirring constantly until thick: ½ cup flour (not self rising) and 1 ¼ cup water (for mocha brownies add 2 tbsp instant coffee granules). Cool this mixture completely (I usually throw the pot into the freezer for a while to speed things up. If you don't cool this and continue with the rest of the recipe, you'll wind up with cakey brownies, which is good too. Just really different).

Add to it:
2 2/3 cup sugar
1 ½ tsp salt
2 tsp vanilla
1 cup cocoa
2/3 cup veg oil

When this is well combined, add 2 cup flour and 1 tsp baking powder. Sometimes I add blocks of dark chocolate or dark choc chips. Mix well. Pour into a greased 9 x 13 inches pan (or 2 round cake pans). For (whatever kinda) nut butter brownies, mix ¾ cup nut butter with 3 tbsp margarine and blob on top of batter in pan, then swirl it in with a knife. Mmmmmmm!

Extreme structure and apparent structurelessness lead to exclusion in decision making processes



* Vegan Choc Chip Coooooooookies *

(This is a recipe that I've been making since I was a kid and it comes off the back of a choc chip bag).

Ingredients
2 ¼ cup flour (not self-rising, unbleached is cool)
1 tsp baking soda
1 teaspoon salt
1 cup margarine (Nuttelex works)
¾ cup sugar (raw works)
¾ cup packed brown sugar
1 tsp vanilla extract
Egg substitute for 2 eggs (No Egg powder's good - 2 tsp powder + 1 tbsp water for each)
2 cups dark chocolate chips or carob bits

Optional ingredients to spice them up
¼ - ½ cup oats or muesli
Handful of raisins, dried cranberries or other small dried fruit
¼ cup peanut butter or any other kinda nutty butter (crunchy is great - add a bit more flour if you do this)

(suggested) Directions
Preheat your oven to 190 Celsius (375 Fahrenheit). Combine all the dry ingredients. In a separate, bigger, bowl combine margarine, sugars, and vanilla until fluffy (a hand beater works well, but you could do it by hand with a big spoon). Add the egg substitute (mix the powder and water before you add it to the marg/sugar), and mix well. Gradually add the flour mixture - mix again, then add the chocolate chips and any of the optional ingredients. For cookies, drop by rounded tablespoons onto an ungreased baking sheet and cook for about 10 minutes or until slightly brown. Cool for a few minutes before moving. Be careful not to over bake. They usually look uncooked even when they're done, but once taken out of the oven will solidify. If you're lazy, like me, you can just throw all the dough into a greased pan (about 10 x 15 or 9 x 11 inches) and cook for 20 to 25 minutes. Again, cook till slightly brown. It probably won't look done when you take it out. … OR if you have a major sweet tooth and don't want to wait for the cookies to cook, eat by spoonfuls while reading a Black Rose library book or watching your favourite movie.

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REVIEWS

ReFuse_TV Issue #1
MishuNegro collective
(DVD)

Comprising original works by MishuNegro (who, um, may be involved with this zine too) and independent contributors, this is a vid-zine well worth watching.

In Shorts: Situationist-inspired *Banalities* (dir. Michael) is perhaps more tribute to past Situationist films than original, but it does exemplify the monotony of life under capitalism. Oishee's *Reaction* highlights the frustration of reactionary individualism, and that Red Bull Molotovs sure 'gives it wings' when need be. Sydney's dance troupe darlings the Tranny Cops (filmed by Scary D and Raf) also make an appearance as fascist *ShityRail* clowns… not much of a caricature really.

It also has many sweetly *animated* moments like the colourific *Colour*, the celebratory *Summertime Is Coming* (with accompanying music by Sui Zhen and Dice Boey respectively), and a stop-motion animation featuring *Backspace*, a cannibalising keyboard key who has an insatiable appetite for other keys that spell out War, Work, Racism and Commercialism. It also enjoys liberating paper birds!

The real gems however, lie in the documentaries about land struggle, neo-colonialism, and the dignity of life that fuel resistances to these. *The Block* is a well-rounded doco that elucidates on the long-standing fixation by government and developers to take over that part of Redfern's Aboriginal land. It features Lyle Munro, members of REDWatch, Aunty Isabell and Anthony Mundine.

The interview *Rihab on Palestine* reveals to us an Australian Palestinian woman's anti-statist perspective that articulates what the Israeli occupation means. But don't just take her word for it, watch its stark everyday life in *Palestinian Shorts*. Disappointingly, though well-edited and informative, the audibility on *UTS Action* (dir. Sarah Fardel and Michael) loses the important dialogue that performative protest at a Pro-Israel Day stall hopes to construct.

Meticulously analysing the media-backed repression of Atenco, Mexico, *Breaking the Siege* (by Canalseisdejulio and Promedios) shows a systematic ruthlessness characteristic of the state. Their global knowledge of counter-insurgency means that they take our insurgency seriously – and so should we. Added to this, is an interview with *Erika On Atenco*. The side-profile camerawork initially makes it hard to focus on her important and very personal account, but it does improve. (By the way, the state security agency is appropriately named ASES! Har har!)

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Dumpstered Twin

SLPA Spoken Word Night

The 2007 Sydney Leather Pride Association (SLPA) Spoken Word Event (May 9th) drew a decent crowd for a Wednesday night. At least thirty people gathered in a circle in the Gay and Lesbian Counseling Service (GLCS) Aurora Gallery to hear works written and read (or in some cases performed) in celebration of the Bondage & Discipline, Domination & Submission, Sadism and Masochism (BDSM, all consensual acts) lifestyle which drew the crowd together.

Paintings, photographs and prints were also on sale and created a great backdrop for the readings when my eyes and imagination wandered. Topics were broad ranging and included stories about costume fetishes, a dominatrix princess, a steamy lunch break encounter in a bathroom, airport fantasies, poetry, and the question of where we draw the line between images we've seen (in porn videos) and real life.

At the end the audience voted on their favorite. There were 2 winners – a stimulating and amusing piece on peeing in your pants when you're young and rethinking the taboo when you're older, and an energetic and hilarious ode to the American drag cabaret duo Kiki and Herb. It was my first event, but I came away happily inspired and curious. The overarching themes of power, kink and breaking taboos were thought provoking, and everyone in the room was incredibly supportive of one another. Kudos and many thanks to the ravishing organizer and all the folks that wrote, created, and shared to make it a memorable night.

(check out www.sydneyleatherpride.org for more info)

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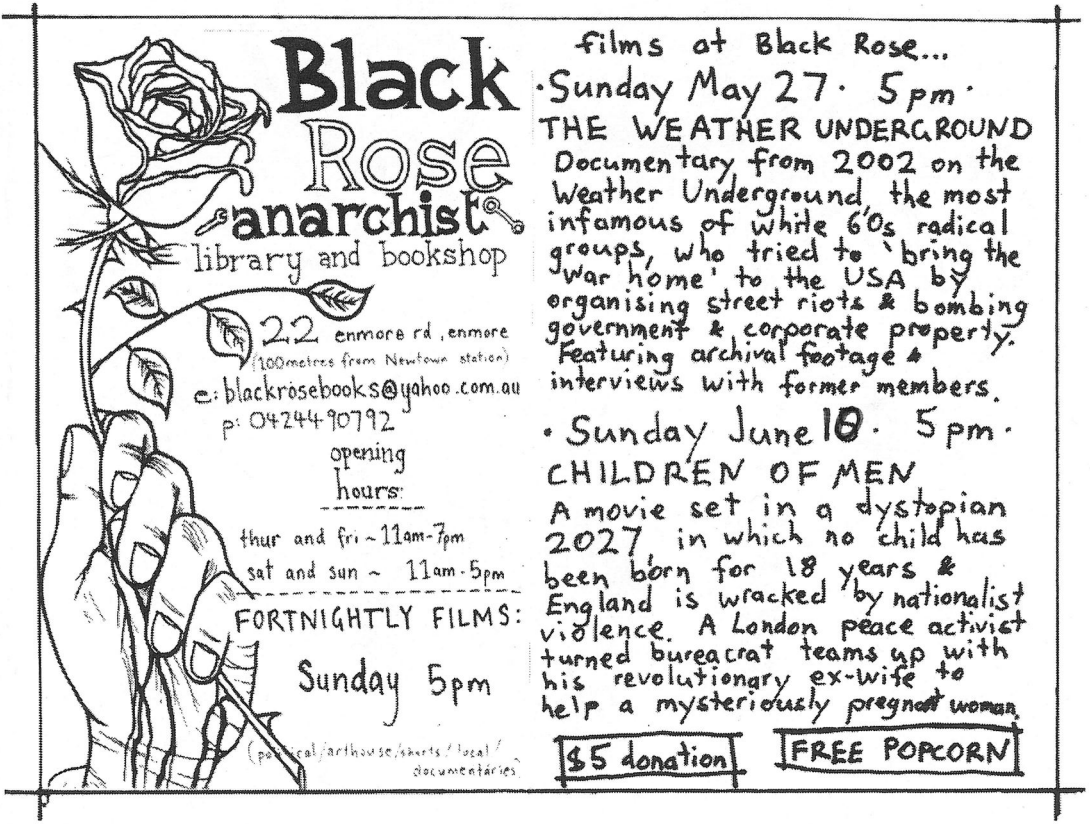
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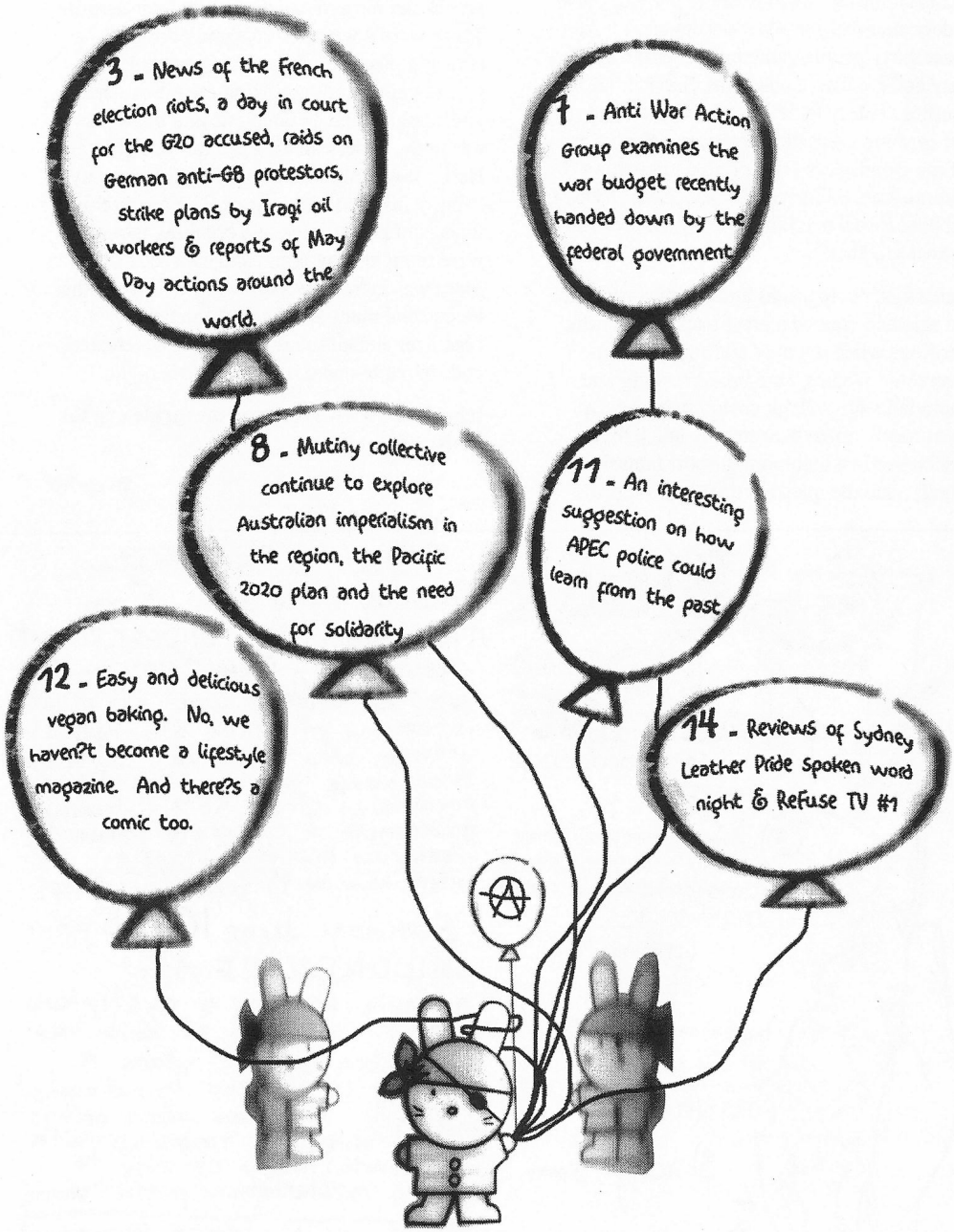
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